

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 454

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the 108th Congress should provide the necessary funds to make disaster assistance available for all customarily eligible agricultural producers as emergency spending and not funded by cuts to the farm bill.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 9, 2004

Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas, agriculture has been the cornerstone of every civilization throughout history and remains the driving force behind the nation's economy;

Whereas, American farmers and ranchers help keep food affordable in this country and also help to feed the world;

Whereas, America's farmers and ranchers produce the food and fiber that is so vital to our economy while protecting

our soil, helping to keep our waters clean, and reducing air pollution across the country;

Whereas, all sectors of our country rely in some way on a successful, strong and vibrant agriculture industry;

Whereas, it is the nature of agriculture that farmers and ranchers will suffer production losses because of the vagaries of weather;

Whereas, Congress has responded to natural disasters by providing assistance to those affected including the nation's farmers and ranchers to help restore financial stability in times of such losses; and

Whereas, Congress has traditionally provided such assistance on an emergency basis without cutting programs to the class of those suffering.

1       *Resolved*, That it is the Sense of the Senate that the  
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 3 make disaster assistance available for all customarily eligi-  
 4 ble agricultural producers as emergency spending and not  
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